GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DISUSE OF AIR STRIPS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of air strips are lying unused for a long time in the country;

(b) if so, the details of unused air strips and total expenditure being incurred by the Government on these strips;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make maximum use of these air strips to make more businessman like use of such public facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)
(a) & (b) : There are 33 airstrips belonging to Airports Authority of India which are lying unused.

The total expenditure incurred on these airstrips during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are Rs.1.30, Rs.1.17 and Rs.1.35 crores respectively.

(c) &(d): Utilization of unused airstrips depends totally upon the traffic availability at these places for commencing air operations. Due to absence of sufficient air traffic, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plans, at present, to make these airstrips operational.

(e):- Does not arise.